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AMENDMENTS

Amendments to the Claims

- 1-3. (Canceled)
- 4. (Currently amended) A botulinum toxin serotype A (BoNT/A) substrate, comprising:
 - (a) a donor fluorophore;
 - (b) an acceptor <u>fluorophore</u> having an absorbance spectrum overlapping the emission spectrum of said donor fluorophore; and
 - (c) a BoNT/A recognition sequence comprising a cleavage site, wherein said cleavage site intervenes between said donor fluorophore and said acceptor fluorophore;

wherein at least 14 amine acids separate said denor fluorophere from said acceptor; and

wherein, under the appropriate conditions, resonance energy transfer is exhibited between said donor fluorophore and said acceptor <u>fluorophore</u>.

- (Currently amended) The <u>BoNT/A</u> substrate of claim 4, <u>wherein said BoNT/A substrate</u> <u>comprises comprising</u> at least six consecutive residues of SNAP-25, said six consecutive residues comprising Gln-Arg, or a peptidomimetic thereof.
- (Currently amended) The <u>BoNT/A</u> substrate of claim 5, <u>wherein said BoNT/A substrate</u> <u>comprises_comprising_at least six consecutive residues of a human SNAP-25, said six</u> consecutive residues comprising Gln₁₉₇-Arg₁₉₈, or a peptidomimetic thereof.

- 7. (Currently amended) The <u>BoNT/A</u> substrate of claim 6, <u>wherein said BoNT/A</u> recognition sequence comprises SEQ ID NO: 27 comprising the amino acid sequence Glu-Ala-Asn-Gln-Arg-Ala-Thr-Lys (SEQ ID NO: 1), or a peptidomimetic thereof.
- 8. (Currently amended) The <u>BoNT/A</u> substrate of claim 6, <u>wherein said BoNT/A</u> recognition sequence comprises <u>SEQ ID NO: 29</u> comprising residues 187 to 203 of human <u>SNAP-25 (SEQ ID NO: 2)</u>, or a peptidomimetic thereof.
- 9-44. (Canceled)
- 45. (Currently amended) The <u>BoNT/A</u> substrate of claim 4, wherein said substrate can be cleaved with an activity of at least 1 nanomole/minute/milligram toxin.
- 46. (Currently amended) The <u>BoNT/A</u> substrate of claim 4, wherein said <u>BoNT/A</u> substrate can be cleaved with an activity of at least 20 nanomole/minute/milligram toxin.
- 47. (Currently amended) The <u>BoNT/A</u> substrate of claim 4, wherein said <u>BoNT/A</u> substrate can be cleaved with an activity of at least 50 nanomole/minute/milligram toxin.
- 48. (Currently amended) The <u>BoNT/A</u> substrate of claim 4, wherein said <u>BoNT/A</u> substrate can be cleaved with an activity of at least 100 nanomole/minute/milligram toxin.
- 49. (Currently amended) The <u>BoNT/A</u> substrate of claim 4, wherein said <u>BoNT/A</u> substrate can be cleaved with an activity of at least 150 nanomole/minute/milligram toxin.
- 50. (Canceled)
- 51. (Currently amended) The <u>BoNT/A</u> substrate of <u>claim 50 claim 4</u>, wherein said acceptor fluorophore has a fluorescent lifetime of at least 1 microsecond.

- 52. (Currently amended) The <u>BoNT/A</u> substrate of claim 4, wherein said <u>donor acceptor is an acceptor fluorophore is BODIPY®-530/550 (4,4-difluoro-5,7-diphenyl-4-bora-3a,4a-diaza-S-indacene).</u>
- 53. (Currently amended) The <u>BoNT/A</u> substrate of claim 4, wherein said donor fluorophore is fluorescein.
- 54. (Canceled)
- 55. (Currently amended) The <u>BoNT/A</u> substrate of claim 4, wherein said donor fluorophore is 4-(4-dimethylaminophonylaze)benzoic acid (DABCYL) DABCYL has an emissions maxima of about 603 nm.
- 56. (Canceled)
- 57. (Currently amended) The <u>BoNT/A</u> substrate of claim 4 or claim 53, wherein said acceptor <u>fluorophore</u> is tetramethylrhodamine.
- 58. (Currently amended) The <u>BoNT/A</u> substrate of claim 4 or claim 55, wherein said acceptor <u>fluorophore</u> has an excitation maxima of about 679 nmis 5-[(2-aminoethyl)amino]-naphthalone-1-sulfonic acid (EDANS) EDANS.
- 59. (Currently amended) The <u>BoNT/A</u> substrate of claim 4 or <u>claim 53-claim 52</u>, wherein said acceptor <u>fluorophore</u> is <u>BODIPY®-542/563 (4,4 difluoro-5-p-methoxyphenyl-4-bora-3a,4a-diaza-S-indacene)a non-fluorescent acceptor.</u>
- 60. (Currently amended) The <u>BoNT/A</u> substrate of claim 4, which is a poptide or peptidemimetic having at most 100 residues wherein said donor fluorophore is BODIPY®-542/563 (4,4 difluoro-5-p-methoxyphenyl-4-bora-3a,4a-diaza-S-indacene).

- 61. (Currently amended) The <u>BoNT/A</u> substrate of claim 4<u>or claim 60</u>, which is a peptide or peptidemimetic having at most 50 residues wherein said acceptor fluorophore is BODIPY®-564/570 (4,4 difluoro-5-styryl-4-bora-3a,4a-diaza-S-indacene).
- 62. (Currently amended) The <u>BoNT/A</u> substrate of claim 4, which is a poptide or poptidemimetic having at most 40 residues wherein said donor fluorophore is Cy3.
- 63. (Currently amended) The <u>BoNT/A</u> substrate of claim 4<u>or claim 62</u>, which is a peptide or peptidemimetic having at most 20 residues wherein said acceptor fluorophore is Cy5.
- 64-95. (Canceled)
- 96. (Currently amended) The <u>BoNT/A</u> substrate of claim 4, wherein said <u>BoNT/A</u> substrate has a <u>length of 19 amino acids at most 20 residues</u>.
- 97. (Currently amended) The <u>BoNT/A</u> substrate of claim 4, wherein said <u>BoNT/A</u> substrate has a <u>length of 20 amino acids at most 40 residues</u>.
- 98. (Currently amended) The <u>BoNT/A</u> substrate of claim 4, wherein said <u>BoNT/A</u> substrate has a <u>longth of 21 amino acids</u> at most 50 residues.
- 99. (Currently amended) The <u>BoNT/A</u> substrate of claim 4, wherein said <u>BoNT/A</u> substrate has a <u>length of 22 amino acids</u> at most 100 residues.
- 100. (Currently amended) The <u>BoNT/A</u> substrate of claim 4, wherein said <u>BoNT/A</u> substrate has a length of 69 amino acids at most 150 residues.
- 101. (Currently amended) The <u>BoNT/A</u> substrate of claim 4, wherein said <u>BoNT/A</u> substrate has a length of 72 amino acids at most 200 residues.
- 102. (Currently amended) A botulinum toxin serotype A (BoNT/A) substrate, comprising:

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- (a) a donor fluorophore;
 - (b) an acceptor having an absorbance spectrum overlapping the emission spectrum of said donor fluorophore; and
 - (c) a BoNT/A recognition sequence comprising a cleavage site, said BoNT/A recognition sequence comprising the amino acids 191 to 202 of SEQ ID NO: 2, or a peptidomimetic thereof;

wherein said cleavage site intervenes between said donor fluorophore and said acceptor;

wherein said <u>donor fluorophore</u>, <u>said</u> acceptor, <u>or both said donor fluorophore</u> and <u>said acceptor</u> is not positioned within amino acids 191 to 202 of SEQ ID NO: 2, <u>or a peptidomimetic thereof</u>; and

wherein, under the appropriate conditions, resonance energy transfer is exhibited between said donor fluorophore and said acceptor.

- 103. (Currently amended) The <u>BoNT/A</u> substrate of claim 102, <u>wherein said BoNT/A</u> recognition sequence comprises SEQ ID NO: 29comprising the amino acid sequence Ser-Asn-Lys-Thr-Arg-Ilo-Asp-Glu-Ala-Asn-Gln-Arg-Ala-Thr-Lys-Met (SEQ ID NO: 29), or a peptidomimetic thereof.
- 104. (Currently amended) The substrate of claim 102, wherein said BoNT/A recognition sequence comprises SEQ ID NO: 30 comprising the amino acid sequence Ser-Asn-Lys-Thr-Arg-Ile-Asp-Glu-Ala-Asn-Gln-Arg-Ala-Thr-Lys-Met-Leu (SEQ ID NO: 30), or a peptidomimetic thereof.

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- 105. (Currently amended) The <u>BoNT/A</u> substrate of any of claims 102, 103 or 104, wherein said <u>BoNT/A</u> substrate can be cleaved with an activity of at least 1 nanomole/minute/milligram toxin.
- 106. (Currently amended) The <u>BoNT/A</u> substrate of any of claims 102, 103 or 104, wherein said <u>BoNT/A</u> substrate can be cleaved with an activity of at least 20 nanomole/minute/milligram toxin.
- 107. (Currently amended) The <u>BoNT/A</u> substrate of any of claims 102, 103 or 104, wherein said <u>BoNT/A</u> substrate can be cleaved with an activity of at least 50 nanomole/minute/milligram toxin.
- 108. (Currently amended) The <u>BoNT/A</u> substrate of any of claims 102, 103 or 104, wherein said <u>BoNT/A</u> substrate can be cleaved with an activity of at least 100 nanomole/minute/milligram toxin.
- 109. (Currently amended) The <u>BoNT/A</u> substrate of any of claims 102, 103 or 104, wherein said <u>BoNT/A</u> substrate can be cleaved with an activity of at least 150 nanomole/minute/milligram toxin.
- 110. (Currently amended) The <u>BoNT/A</u> substrate of claim 102, wherein said acceptor is an acceptor fluorophore.
- 111. (Currently amended) The <u>BoNT/A</u> substrate of claim 110, wherein said acceptor fluorophore has a fluorescent lifetime of at least 1 microsecond.
- 112. (Currently amended) The <u>BoNT/A</u> substrate of claim 102, wherein said acceptor is a non-fluorescent acceptor.
- 113. (Currently amended) The <u>BoNT/A</u> substrate of claim 102, wherein said donor fluorophore is fluorescein.

- 114. (Currently amended) The <u>BoNT/A</u> substrate of claim 102, wherein said donor fluorophore is <u>DABCYL_EDANS</u>
- 115. (Currently amended) The <u>BoNT/A</u> substrate of claim 102 or 113, wherein said acceptor is a fluorophore, said acceptor fluorophore being tetramethylrhodamine.
- 116. (Currently amended) The <u>BoNT/A</u> substrate of claim 102 or 114, wherein said acceptor is <u>a non-fluorescent acceptor, said non-fluorescent acceptor being EDANS DANCYL.</u>
- 117. (Currently amended) The <u>BoNT/A</u> substrate of <u>claim 113 claim 112</u>, wherein said <u>acceptor is a non-fluorescent acceptor is DNP, DABCYL, DABSYL or QSY®-7</u>.
- 118. (Currently amended) The <u>BoNT/A</u> substrate of claim 102, <u>wherein said BoNT/A</u> substrate has which is a peptide or peptidomimetic having at most 100 residues.
- 119. (Currently amended) The <u>BoNT/A</u> substrate of claim 102, <u>wherein said BoNT/A</u> substrate has which is a peptide or peptidomimetic having at most 50 residues.
- 120. (Currently amended) The <u>BoNT/A</u> substrate of claim 102, <u>wherein said BoNT/A</u> substrate has which is a peptide or peptidemimetic having at most 40 residues.
- 121. (Currently amended) The <u>BoNT/A</u> substrate of claim 102, <u>wherein said BoNT/A</u> substrate has which is a peptide or peptidomimetic having at most 20 residues.
- 122. (Currently amended) The <u>BoNT/A</u> substrate of claim 102, wherein said donor fluorophore and said acceptor are separated by at most fifteen residues.
- 123-125. (Canceled)
- 126. (Currently amended) A botulinum toxin serotype A (BoNT/A) substrate, comprising:

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- (a) a donor fluorophore;
 - (b) an acceptor having an absorbance spectrum overlapping the emission spectrum of said donor fluorophore; and
 - (c) a BoNT/A recognition sequence comprising a cleavage site, <u>said BoNT/A</u> recognition sequence comprising SEQ ID NO: 29, or a peptidomimetic thereof;

wherein said cleavage site intervenes between said donor fluorophore and said acceptor;

wherein said donor fluorophore or said acceptor is genetically encoded; and

wherein, under the appropriate conditions, resonance energy transfer is exhibited between said donor fluorophore and said acceptor.

- 127. (Currently amended) The <u>BoNT/A</u> substrate of claim 126, wherein said donor fluorophore is genetically encoded.
- 128. (Currently amended) The <u>BoNT/A</u> substrate of claim 126, wherein said acceptor is genetically encoded.
- 129. (Currently amended) The <u>BoNT/A</u> substrate of claim 126, wherein said donor fluorophore and said acceptor are genetically encoded.
- 130. (Currently amended) The <u>BoNT/A</u> substrate of claim 126, <u>wherein said BoNT/A</u> <u>substrate comprises comprising</u> at least six consecutive residues of SNAP-25, said six consecutive residues comprising Gln-Arg.

- 131. (Currently amended) The <u>BoNT/A</u> substrate of claim 130, <u>wherein said BoNT/A</u> <u>substrate comprises comprising</u> at least six consecutive residues of a human SNAP-25, said six consecutive residues comprising Gln₁₉₇-Arg₁₉₈.
- 132. (Currently amended) The <u>BoNT/A</u> substrate of claim 131, <u>wherein said BoNT/A</u> <u>substrate comprises comprising</u> the amino acid sequence Glu-Ala-Asn-Gln-Arg-Ala-Thr-Lys (SEQ ID NO: 1).
- 133. (Currently amended) The <u>BoNT/A</u> substrate of claim 131, <u>wherein said BoNT/A</u> recognition sequence comprises SEQ ID NO: 27 comprising residues 187 to 203 of human SNAP-25 (SEQ ID NO: 2).
- 134. (Currently amended) The <u>BoNT/A</u> substrate of <u>either claim 126 or claim 129</u>, wherein said <u>BoNT/A</u> substrate can be cleaved with an activity of at least 1 nanomole/minute/milligram toxin.
- 135. (Currently amended) The <u>BoNT/A</u> substrate of <u>either claim 126 or claim 129</u> wherein said <u>BoNT/A</u> substrate can be cleaved with an activity of at least 20 nanomole/minute/milligram toxin.
- 136. (Currently amended) The <u>BoNT/A</u> substrate of <u>either claim 126 or claim 129</u>, wherein said <u>BoNT/A</u> substrate can be cleaved with an activity of at least 50 nanomole/minute/milligram toxin.
- 137. (Currently amended) The <u>BoNT/A</u> substrate of <u>either claim 126 or claim 129</u>, wherein said <u>BoNT/A</u> substrate can be cleaved with an activity of at least 100 nanomole/minute/milligram toxin.
- 138. (Currently amended) The <u>BoNT/A</u> substrate of <u>either claim 126 or claim 129</u>, wherein said <u>BoNT/A</u> substrate can be cleaved with an activity of at least 150 nanomole/minute/milligram toxin.

- 139. (Currently amended) The <u>BoNT/A</u> substrate of claim 126, wherein said acceptor is an acceptor fluorophore.
- 140. (Currently amended) The <u>BoNT/A</u> substrate of claim 139, wherein said acceptor fluorophore has a fluorescent lifetime of at least 1 microsecond.
- 141. (Currently amended) The <u>BoNT/A</u> substrate of claim 126, <u>wherein said BoNT/A</u> substrate has which is a peptide having at most 400 residues.
- 142. (Currently amended) The <u>BoNT/A</u> substrate of claim 126, <u>wherein said BoNT/A</u> substrate has which is a peptide having at most 500 residues.
- 143. (Currently amended) The <u>BoNT/A</u> substrate of claim 126, <u>wherein said BoNT/A</u> substrate has which is a peptide having at most 600 residues.
- 144. (Currently amended) The <u>BoNT/A</u> substrate of claim 126, <u>wherein said BoNT/A</u> substrate has which is a poptide having at most 700 residues.
- 145. (Currently amended) The <u>BoNT/A</u> substrate of claim 126, wherein said donor fluorophore and said acceptor are separated by at most fifteen residues.
- 146. (Currently amended) The <u>BoNT/A</u> substrate of claim 126, wherein said donor fluorophore and said acceptor are separated by at most ten-thirty-five residues.
- 147-148. (Canceled)
- 149. (Currently amended) The <u>BoNT/A</u> substrate of claim 4, wherein said donor fluorophore and said acceptor are separated by at most twenty-ten residues.
- 150. (Currently amended) The <u>BoNT/A</u> substrate of claim 4, wherein said donor fluorophore and said acceptor are separated by at most twenty-five-fifteen residues.

- 151. (Currently amended) The <u>BoNT/A</u> substrate of claim 4, wherein said donor fluorophore and said acceptor are separated by at most thirty twenty residues.
- 152. (Currently amended) The <u>BoNT/A</u> substrate of claim 4, wherein said donor fluorophore and said acceptor are separated by at most thirty-five-thirty residues.
- 153. (Currently amended) The <u>BoNT/A</u> substrate of claim 4, wherein said donor fluorophore and said acceptor are separated by at most forty residues.
- 154. (Currently amended) The <u>BoNT/A</u> substrate of claim 4, <u>wherein said BoNT/A</u> substrate is selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO: 85, SEQ ID NO: 88, SEQ ID NO: 89, SEQ ID NO: 90, SEQ ID NO: 91, SEQ ID NO: 92, SEQ ID NO: 93, SEQ ID NO: 94 and SEQ ID NO: 95.
- 155. (Currently amended) The <u>BoNT/A</u> substrate of claim 102, wherein said donor fluorophore and said acceptor are separated by at most twenty residues.
- 156. (Currently amended) The <u>BoNT/A</u> substrate of claim 102, wherein said donor fluorophore and said acceptor are separated by at most twenty-five residues.
- 157. (Currently amended) The <u>BoNT/A</u> substrate of claim 102, wherein said donor fluorophore and said acceptor are separated by at most thirty residues.
- 158. (Currently amended) The <u>BoNT/A</u> substrate of claim 102, wherein said donor fluorophore and said acceptor are separated by at most thirty-five residues.
- 159. (Currently amended) The <u>BoNT/A</u> substrate of claim 102, wherein said donor fluorophore and said acceptor are separated by at most forty residues.
- 160. (Currently amended) The <u>BoNT/A</u> substrate of claim 126, <u>wherein said BoNT/A</u> substrate has which is a peptide or peptidemimetic having at least 300 residues.

- 161. (Currently amended) The <u>BoNT/A</u> substrate of claim 126, <u>wherein said BoNT/A</u> substrate has <u>which is a poptide or poptidomimetic having</u> at least 400 residues.
- 162. (Currently amended) The <u>BoNT/A</u> substrate of claim 126, <u>wherein said BoNT/A</u> substrate has which is a peptide or peptidemimetic having at least 500 residues.
- 163. (Currently amended) The <u>BoNT/A</u> substrate of claim 126, <u>wherein said BoNT/A</u> substrate has which is a peptide or peptidemimetic having at least 600 residues.
- 164. (Currently amended) The <u>BoNT/A</u> substrate of claim 126, <u>wherein said BoNT/A</u> substrate has which is a peptide or peptidemimetic having at least 700 residues.
- 165. (Currently amended) The <u>BoNT/A</u> substrate of claim 126, wherein said donor fluorophore and said acceptor are separated by at most twenty residues.
- 166. (Currently amended) The <u>BoNT/A</u> substrate of claim 126, wherein said donor fluorophore and said acceptor are separated by at most twenty-five residues.
- 167. (Currently amended) The <u>BoNT/A</u> substrate of claim 126, wherein said donor fluorophore and said acceptor are separated by at most thirty residues.
- 168. (Currently amended) The <u>BoNT/A</u> substrate of claim 126, wherein said donor fluorophore and said acceptor are separated by at most forty residues.
- 169. (Canceled).
- 170. (Currently amended) The <u>BoNT/A</u> substrate of claim 126, wherein said donor fluorophore and said acceptor are separated by at least 50 residues.
- 171. (Currently amended) The <u>BoNT/A</u> substrate of claim 126, wherein said donor fluorophore and said acceptor are separated by at least 75 residues.

- 172. (Currently amended) The <u>BoNT/A</u> substrate of claim 126, wherein said donor fluorophore and said acceptor are separated by at least 100 residues.
- 173. (Currently amended) The <u>BoNT/A</u> substrate of claim 126, wherein said donor fluorophore and said acceptor are separated by at least 125 residues.
- 174. (Currently amended) The <u>BoNT/A</u> substrate of claim 126, wherein said donor fluorophore and said acceptor are separated by at least 150 residues.
- 175. (Currently amended) The <u>BoNT/A</u> substrate of claim 126, wherein said donor fluorophore and said acceptor are separated by at least 200 residues.
- 176. (Currently amended) The <u>BoNT/A</u> substrate of claim 102, wherein said donor fluorophore and said acceptor are separated by at most ten residues.
- 177. (Currently amended) The <u>BoNT/A</u> substrate of claim 102, wherein said donor fluorophore and said acceptor are separated by at most eight residues.
- 178. (Currently amended) The <u>BoNT/A</u> substrate of claim 102, wherein said donor fluorophore and said acceptor are separated by at most six residues.
- 179. (New) The BoNT/A substrate of claim 102, wherein said donor fluorophore is not positioned within amino acids 191 to 202 of SEQ ID NO: 2, or a peptidomimetic thereof.
- 180. (New) The BoNT/A substrate of claim 102, wherein said acceptor is not positioned within amino acids 191 to 202 of SEQ ID NO: 2, or a peptidomimetic thereof.
- 181. (New) The BoNT/A substrate of claim 102, wherein said donor fluorophore and said acceptor are not positioned within amino acids 191 to 202 of SEQ ID NO: 2, or a peptidomimetic thereof.

- 182. (New) The BoNT/A substrate of claim 102, wherein said BoNT/A substrate comprises at least six consecutive residues of SNAP-25, said six consecutive residues comprising Gln-Arg.
- 183. (New) The BoNT/A substrate of claim 182, wherein said BoNT/A substrate comprises at least six consecutive residues of a human SNAP-25, said six consecutive residues comprising Gln₁₉₇-Arg₁₉₈.
- 184. (New) The BoNT/A substrate of claim 102, wherein said donor fluorophore is BODIPY®-530/550 (4,4 difluoro 5,7 diphenyl 4 bora-3a,4a-diaza-S-indacene).
- 185. (New) The BoNT/A substrate of claim 102 or claim 184, wherein said acceptor is a fluorophore, said acceptor fluorophore being BODIPY®-542/563 (4,4 difluoro-5-p-methoxyphenyl-4-bora-3a,4a-diaza-S-indacene).
- 186. (New) The BoNT/A substrate of claim 102, wherein said donor fluorophore is BODIPY®-542/563 (4,4 difluoro-5-p-methoxyphenyl-4-bora-3a,4a-diaza-S-indacene).
- 187. (New) The BoNT/A substrate of claim 102 or claim 186, wherein said acceptor is a fluorophore, said acceptor fluorophore being BODIPY®-564/570 (4,4 difluoro-5-styryl-4-bora-3a,4a-diaza-S-indacene).
- 188. (New) The BoNT/A substrate of claim 102, wherein said donor fluorophore is Cy3.
- 189. (New) The BoNT/A substrate of claim 102 or claim 188, wherein said acceptor is a fluorophore, said acceptor fluorophore being Cy5.
- 190. (New) The BoNT/A substrate of claim 102, wherein said donor fluorophore has an emission maxima of about 603 nm.

- 191. (New) The BoNT/A substrate of claim 102 or claim 190, wherein said acceptor is a fluorophore, said acceptor fluorophore having an excitation maxima having an excitation maxima of about 679 nm.
- 192. (New) The BoNT/A substrate of claim 102, wherein said donor fluorophore has an emission maxima of about 690 nm.
- 193. (New) The BoNT/A substrate of claim 102 or claim 192, wherein said acceptor is a fluorophore, said acceptor fluorophore having an excitation maxima of about 749 nm.
- 194. (New) The BoNT/A substrate of claim 102, wherein said donor fluorophore is pyrene.
- 195. (New) The BoNT/A substrate of claim 102 or claim 194, wherein said acceptor is a fluorophore, said acceptor fluorophore being coumarin.
- 196. (New) The BoNT/A substrate of claim 126, wherein said BoNT/A substrate comprises at most 300 residues.
- 197. (New) The BoNT/A substrate of claim 126, wherein said BoNT/A substrate comprises at most 350 residues.
- 198. (New) The BoNT/A substrate of claim 126, wherein said BoNT/A recognition sequence comprises amino acids 137 to 206 of SEQ ID NO: 2.
- 199. (New) The BoNT/A substrate of claim 126, wherein said BoNT/A recognition sequence comprises amino acids 134 to 206 of SEQ ID NO: 2.
- 200. (New) The BoNT/A substrate of either claim 127 or 129, wherein said genetically encoded donor fluorophore is selected from the group consisting of a blue fluorescent protein, a cyan fluorescent protein, a green fluorescent protein, a yellow fluorescent protein and a red fluorescent protein.

- 201. (New) The BoNT/A substrate of either claim 128 or 129, wherein said genetically encoded acceptor is a fluorophore, said genetically encoded acceptor fluorophore selected from the group consisting of a blue fluorescent protein, a cyan fluorescent protein, a green fluorescent protein, a yellow fluorescent protein and a red fluorescent protein.
- 202. (New) The BoNT/A substrate of claim 129, wherein said genetically-encoded acceptor is a fluorophore.
- 203. (New) The BoNT/A substrate of claim 196, wherein said donor fluorophore is a blue fluorescent protein, said acceptor fluorophore is a green fluorescent protein and said BoNT/A recognition sequence comprises SEQ ID NO: 29.
- 204. (New) The BoNT/A substrate of claim 196, wherein said donor fluorophore is a blue fluorescent protein, said acceptor fluorophore is a green fluorescent protein and said BoNT/A recognition sequence comprises amino acids 137-206 of SEQ ID NO: 2.
- 205. (New) The BoNT/A substrate of claim 196, wherein said donor fluorophore is a blue fluorescent protein, said acceptor fluorophore is a green fluorescent protein and said BoNT/A recognition sequence comprises amino acids 134-206 of SEQ ID NO: 2.
- 206. (New) The BoNT/A substrate of claim 196, wherein said donor fluorophore is a blue fluorescent protein, said acceptor fluorophore is a green fluorescent protein and said BoNT/A recognition sequence comprises SEQ ID NO: 2.
- 207. (New) The BoNT/A substrate of claim 196, wherein said donor fluorophore is a green fluorescent protein, said acceptor fluorophore is a red fluorescent protein and said BoNT/A recognition sequence comprises SEQ ID NO: 29.
- 208. (New) The BoNT/A substrate of claim 196, wherein said donor fluorophore is a cyan fluorescent protein, said acceptor fluorophore is a yellow fluorescent protein and said BoNT/A recognition sequence comprises SEQ ID NO: 29.

- 209. (New) The BoNT/A substrate of claim 127, wherein said acceptor is a fluorophore.
- 210. (New) The BoNT/A substrate of claim 209, wherein said donor fluorophore is a green fluorescent protein, said acceptor fluorophore has an excitation maxima of about 556 nm and said BoNT/A recognition sequence comprises SEQ ID NO: 29.
- 211. (New) The BoNT/A substrate of claim 209, wherein said donor fluorophore is a red fluorescent protein, said acceptor fluorophore has an excitation maxima of about 632 nm and said BoNT/A recognition sequence comprises SEQ ID NO: 29.